

MINUTES:

Curtis Hampton volunteered to take minutes.

Quorum is Present

The meeting began at 11:35 AM with Francis presiding.

Minutes Approval

Curtis Hampton, moved to approve December minutes, second by Em Daniels. Unanimously adopted.

Land acknowledgment

Continued discussion regarding **Land Acknowledgement** for future meetings.

Spokane County Jail & Covid-19

Francis Adewale, Chair, introduced Director Mike Sparber and Dave Ganus to discuss the work the county jail is doing to address COVID -19 and update the community.

- Outbreaks
- Continued testing
- Quarantine
- Root Causes of out breaks – unknown
- Testing continues high risk staff tested first
- Director Sparber tested positive for COVID
- Resources for testing could be improved
- Accessibility to funding for testing
- Impact on the impacted communities
- Rapid testing turnaround time

Department of Corrections & COVID-19

Francis Adewale introduced Dave Ganus to discuss the work the Department of Corrections is doing to address COVID -19 and update the community.

- Community Corrections (Dave oversees the Field Community Corrections)
- Screening process for the Field officers
- Limited contact Standards
- Case Loads are handled primarily by phone
- Mitigate the amount of people coming into their offices
- Working with justice involved people to keep them in their homes avoiding violations when they can
- No testing of folks on their case load, individuals are directed to regional health authorities
- Field Officer are also limiting the amount of time with clients in their homes and encouraging more porch/outdoor meeting when needed
- Question regarding Electronic check-in was also addressed – legislative actions may be required going forward
- Field workers are utilizing teleworking from home (80 hours of COVID leave available to field agents)

- Work release testing, same screening process as the field agents
- Airway Corrections had 1300 Justice Involved individuals who tested positive for COVID, starting to see a reduction and therefore trying to normalize – mandatory OT for officers -Many details to be worked in terms of who gets the vaccine and when for the Justice Involved individuals
- Community Visits (PHONE CALLS AND establishing VIDEO VISITS going forward) to try to mitigate infections
- Morale of personnel of impacted individuals has also been challenging but there is light at the end of the tunnel per Director Sparber

Intake Center is here per Director Sparber, should be opening within the next few days. Finalizing inspections.

Director Sparber and Mr. Ganus were excused

Working Session: Strategies on SRLJC & REC Chair membership

Carmen/Mary Lou/Karen Boone: Updated the committee on current status of the fourth chair on the SRLJC council that has not been acted on

- Mary Lou Johnson: Stated that Karen Boone Replaced Carmen on the (1/13/21) Strategic Planning Committee
- Discussed Community testimonials for future SRLJC Meeting
- Carmen Pacheco-Jones: Updated current
- Karen Boone: Discussed Operational efficiency of the council
- Kurtis Robinson requested clarification on the process of the appointment
- REC chair and how the REC chair is chosen
- Curtis H: Letters to SCAR and other collaborating organizations
- Kurtis R: Motion to ratify decision by committee
- Kurtis R: Withdrew motion to ratify decision by committee
- Rick Matters: Motion to go with the 1st option and 2nd by Carmen
- Kurtis R. Abstain from unanimous vote by workgroup but did not object

Adjourned

The meeting concluded at 1:05pm

SCRIBE: Curtis Hampton

Next Meeting: 2/4/2021